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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE: PRICE/MOLINA TALKS MARCH 16 & 17

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1. SAMUELS OF UK EMBASSY BRIEFED US IN CONFIDENCE ON GUATEMALAN VIEWS OF SUBJECT TALKS AS GIVEN BY FERNANDO SANCHEZ TO CON GEN MCQUILLAN AND PERM SEC BELIZE OLDFIELD (WHO VISITING GUATEMALA CITY).

2. PRICE, COURTENAY, MOLINA AND SANCHEZ HELD TWO SESSIONS TOTALLING SEVEN HOURS. PRICE QUESTIONED WHETHER 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES PARTITION LINE WAS NEGOTIABLE. GUATEMALANS RESPONDED THAT SOME GIVE WAS POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH ANY SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF AREA WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. REPLYING
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TO PRICE'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT

WOULD ENSURE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALANS SAID THAT WAS CORE OF THEIR IDEA, BUT PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

3. ACCORDING TO SANCHEZ, PRICE CITED CONVERSATION WITH RABASA AT ATLANTA IN APRIL 1974 IN WHICH RABASA ALLEGEDLY WARNED PRICE THAT GOG WOULD OFFER TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD IN TURN FORCE MEXICO TO CLAIM NORTHERN PORTION

OF BELIZE. MCQUILLAN DUCKED SANCHEZ' IMPLICIT SOUNDING OF UK ASSESSMENT OF MEXICO POSITION, BUT DID EXPRESS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MEXICO WOULD WISH TO BE PART OF ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT.

4. PRICE AGREED THAT UK-GOG TALKS SHOULD CONTINUE BUT HOPED THAT HIS CONTACTS WITH MOLINA WOULD CONTINUE AS WELL. MOLINA WELCOMED IDEA. SANCHEZ OPINED THAT IN LAST DECADE PRICE HAD BECOME MORE QUOTE CONCRETE UNQUOTE AND PREPARED TO LISTEN BOTH TO GOG AND TO OWN ADVISERS SUCH AS COURTENAY.

5. WE GATHERED FROM SAMUELS THAT PRICE HAD CONSULTED WITH UK ABOUT HIS INVITATION TO MEET WITH MOLINA, BUT THAT AGREEMENT ON TIMING AND SITE HAD ARISEN SUDDENLY. KISSINGER

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